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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition consisting of:
about ~~0.005~~ 5 to about ~~[[20]]~~ 10 wt-% fatty acid antimicrobial agent;
about ~~0.1~~ 15 to about ~~[[10]]~~ 30 wt-% alkoxyated amine the alkoxyated amine being:
C₁₂ to C₁₄ propoxy amine ethoxylate of the formula: R-(PO)₁₀N[EO]_{2.5}-H[EO]_{2.5}-H;
C₁₂ to C₁₄ propoxy amine ethoxylate of the formula: R-(PO)₅N[EO]_{2.5}-H[EO]_{2.5}-H;
C₁₂ to C₁₄ propoxy amine ethoxylate of the formula: R-(PO)₂N[EO]_{2.5}-H[EO]_{2.5}-H;
poly (5) oxyethylene isodecyloxypropylamine, which has a branched C₁₀H₂₁ alkyl group off the ether oxygen;
iso-(2-hydroxyethyl) isodecyloxypropylamine, which has a branched C₁₀H₂₁ alkyl group off the ether oxygen;
or mixture thereof;
the alkoxyated amine and fatty acid antimicrobial agent being at a weight ratio of about ~~1:1~~ 2.5:1 to about ~~9:1~~ 3.5:1;
carrier; and
optionally ~~anionic surfactant~~, amphoteric surfactant, nonionic surfactant, solvent, sequestrant, acidulant, adjuvant, or mixture thereof; the adjuvant being ~~stabilizing agent, wetting agent, thickener, foaming agent~~, pigment, dye, or mixture thereof;
wherein the composition is clear and has effective antimicrobial activity.
2. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the carboxylic acid antimicrobial agent comprises a C₆-C₁₄ alkyl carboxylic acid, or salt or ester thereof.

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3. (Original) The composition of claim 2, wherein the C₆-C₁₄ alkyl carboxylic acid comprises octanoic acid, heptanoic acid, decanoic acid, dodecanoic acid, myristic acid, or mixture thereof.

4. (Original) The composition of claim 2, wherein the C₈-C₁₄ alkyl carboxylic acid comprises octanoic acid.

5-12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises acidulant and the acidulant comprises phosphoric acid, citric acid, lactic acid, sulfuric acid, nitric acid, hydroxyacetic acid, gluconic acid, oxalic acid, formic acid, glutaric acid, malic acid, hydroxy propionic acid, succinic acid, adipic acid, fumaric acid, or a mixture thereof.

14. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 13, wherein the acidulant comprises phosphoric acid, citric acid, lactic acid, or a mixture thereof.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises ~~anionic surfactant~~, amphoteric surfactant, nonionic surfactant, or mixture thereof.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The composition of claim 16, comprising amphoteric surfactant, the amphoteric surfactant comprising acyl amino acid, N-alkyl amino acid, salt or ester thereof, or mixture thereof.

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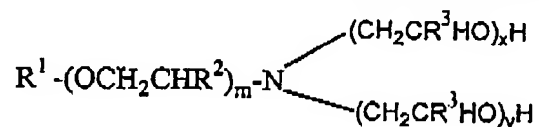
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19. (Original) The composition of claim 16, comprising nonionic surfactant, the nonionic surfactant comprising alcohol alkoxylate, arylacyl alkoxylate, amine oxide, alkoxide condensate; EOPO block, reverse, or heteric polymer polysaccharide ether; or mixture thereof.
20. (Original) The composition of claim 19, wherein the alcohol alkoxylate comprises C₉-C₁₂ linear ethoxylate with 7 moles EO average, C₉-C₁₂ linear ethoxylate with 3 moles EO average, or mixture thereof.
21. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 16, wherein the surfactant comprises cocoamidopropyl betaine.
22. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises solvent.
23. (Original) The composition of claim 22, wherein the solvent comprises isopropyl alcohol.
24. (Canceled)
25. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the carrier comprises water.
26. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises sequestrant.
27. (Original) The composition of claim 26, wherein the sequestrant comprises aminomethylene triphosphonic acid or 1-hydroxy ethylidene-1,1-diphosphonic acid.
28. (Currently Amended) A method of reducing microbial population on an object, comprising contacting the object with a composition consisting of:

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about 0.005 to about 20 fatty acid antimicrobial agent; and
 about 0.1 to about 10 wt-% alkoxyated amine of Formula III:



wherein R^1 is a straight or branched alkyl or alkylaryl; R^2 is independently in each occurrence hydrogen or alkyl from 1 to 6 carbons; R^3 is independently in each occurrence hydrogen or alkyl of from 1 to 6 carbons; m is about 1 to about 20; x and y is each independently 1 to about 20; and $x+y$ averages from about 1 to about 40; and

acidulant;

the alkoxyated amine and fatty acid antimicrobial agent being at a ratio of about 1:1 2.5:1 to about 9:1 3.5:1;

carrier; and

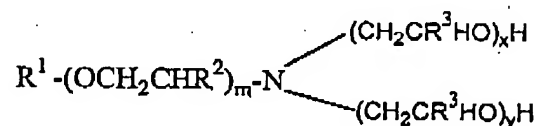
optionally ~~anionic surfactant~~, amphoteric surfactant, nonionic surfactant, solvent, sequestrant, acidulant, adjuvant, or mixture thereof; the adjuvant being ~~stabilizing agent, wetting agent, thickener, foaming agent~~, pigment, dye, or mixture thereof;

wherein the composition is clear and has effective antimicrobial activity.

29. (Currently Amended) A composition consisting of:

about 1 to about 5 wt-% fatty acid antimicrobial agent;

about 2 to about 12 wt-% alkoxyated amine of Formula III:



wherein R^1 is a straight or branched alkyl or alkylaryl; R^2 is independently in each occurrence hydrogen or alkyl from 1 to 6 carbons; R^3 is independently in each occurrence hydrogen or alkyl of from 1 to 6 carbons; m is about 1 to about 20; x and y is each independently 1 to about 20; and $x+y$ averages from about 1 to about 40;

the alkoxyated amine and fatty acid antimicrobial agent being at a weight ratio of about 1:1 2.5:1 to about 9:1 3.5:1;

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carrier; and
optionally ~~anionic surfactant~~, amphoteric surfactant, nonionic surfactant, solvent, sequestrant, acidulant, adjuvant, or mixture thereof; the adjuvant being ~~stabilizing agent, wetting agent, thickener, foaming agent, pigment, dye, or mixture thereof;~~
wherein the composition is clear and has effective antimicrobial activity.

30-31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 29, wherein the ratio of alkoxylated amine and carboxylic acid antimicrobial agent is about 3:1.

33. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 29, wherein the carboxylic acid comprises octanoic acid.

34-36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises acidulant.

38-41. (Canceled)